GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MODERNISATION OF POLICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have requested to the Union Government to release additional amount to facilitate the State Governments to purchase some modern equipments to check extremist activities in their States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the time by which the financial assistance is likely to be provided to these States for the purpose ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (d): In order to supplement the efforts in modernising their police forces, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance since 1969-1970 to the State Governments for purchase of vehicles, equipment and buildings for police training, communication, police housing, equipment and building for Forensic Science Laboratories, weaponry, aids to investigation, equipment for traffic control/ crowd control, intelligence/ investigation equipment etc under the scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces. During the financial year 2000-01, an amount of Rs. 1000 crore (Central share) was released to the various State Governments under the Scheme and the total allocation for the current financial year, 2001-02 is Rs. 1000 crore. The annual allocations for different States are made on the basis of fixed criteria and therefore, it is not normally possible to release additional funds under the Scheme. Most of the State Governments have furnished their annual plans for 2001-02. These plans will be placed before the Empowered committee for approval. However, funds will be released on the basis of the utilization certificates for the funds released during the previous financial year, 2000-01.

Besides this, assistance is also extended to a few Left-Wing Extremist affected States under the Scheme for Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure. The Scheme, inter-alia, includes items such as vehicles, weapons and communication equipment. A total amount of Rs. 80.37 crore has so far been reimbursed to the Left-wing Extremist affected states during the period 1.4.1996 to 31.3.2001.

Assistance is also provided in kind to the North Eastern States for items like weapons, vehicles and communication equipment etc for modernisation of the police force in those States. During the period 1997-98 to 2000-01, assistance in kind worth Rs. 166.43 crore was extended to them.

For the State Government of Jammu and kashmir assistance is providedfor purchase of weapons, communication equipment, vehicles etc under the Scheme for Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure. A total amount of Rs. 6.02 crore was released for this purpose during the year 2000-01.